[Translation]

Bogies of Howrah-Mumbai Gitanjali Express Derailed

3087. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE :
SHRI MANHARAN LAL PANDEY :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be plesased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that seven bogies of Howrah-Mumbai Gitanjali Express train were derailed near the Bilaspur station of Madhya Pradesh on November 1, 1996;

(b) if so, the details therof;

(c) whether the Government have conducted any enquiry;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the loss suffered by Railways;

(e) whether such accidents have taken place at the same place earlier also;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor;

(g) whether the Government Railway Police and Railway Administration have given different statements in this regard; and

(h) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). On 2.11.96, the train engine and eight coaches of 2860 Up Howrah-Mumbai Gitanjali Express got derailed between Jairamnagar and Gatora stations of Bilaspur Division of South Eastern Railway. As a result of this derailment, four passengers sustained grievous injuries and six passengers suffered minor injuries.

(c) and (d). The cause of the accident is being inquired into by the Commissioner of Railway Safety, South Eastern Circle, whose report is awaited. The loss to the Railway property is estimated to be around Rs. 63 lakhs.

(e) and (f). On 1.10.92, the train engine and 13 coaches of 2860 Up Howrah-Bombay Gitanjali Express derailed between Jairamnagar and Gatora stations of Bilaspur Division on South Eastern Railway owing to removal of fish-plates and pandrol clips by the miscreants. This was a case of sabotage. However, there was no casualty among the passengers.

(g) and (h). No, Sir.

[English]

Deviation from Elight Levels

3088. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received complaints regarding deviation of flight levels assigned to the pilots of the aircrafts belonging to Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) by the Indian Air Traffic Control;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b). Airline operators from Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) violated flight levels assigned to them on some occasions. Such violations occured 6 times in 1995 and 3 times in 1996.

(c) Director General of Civil Aviation held a meeting on 17-10-1995 in which it was decided that Uzbekistan airlines would train the pilots operating flights to India and a refresher course in English language would also be conducted. Other CIS airlines have not responded so far.

[Translation]

Transfer of Telephones

3089. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) the number of applications pending for transfer/shifting of telephones in Bombay, exchange-wise; and

(b) the steps taken for early disposal of such applications?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Sir, the number of applications pending for shifting of telephones in Mumbai exchange-wise, are given in the statement.

(b) Efforts are being made to dispose off all pending cases at the earliest by making the area technically feasible by laying new cables, wherever required.

STATEMENT

Number of Applications pending for Transfer/Shifting of telephones in Mumbai (Exchange-wise)

Exchange Area	No. of pending applications
1	2
South	
City	56
Fountain	68
Cooperage	87
Cuffe Parade	10
North	
Wadala	206
Sion	293
Prabhadevi	152

1	2
Shivaji Park	98
Worli	52
Byculla	33
West II	
Gokuldham	41
Marol	123
Sakinaka	41
Goregaon	61
East-I	
Mankhurd	72
Chembur	65
Ghatkopar	80
Bandra	22
Powai	33
New Mumbai	
Turbhe	123
Vashi	89
Belapur	63
Rabale	61
Kalamboli	47
Pahvel	77
Nhava	9
Shave	4
Uran	5
Taloja	3
Central	
Gamdevi	43
Malabar Hills	80
Mazgaon	56
Mandvi	8
West-I	
Andheri	15
Bandra	59
Khar	28
Vileparle	32
Varsova	33
West-III	
Malad	107
Samta Nagar	74
Kandivli	264
Borivli	111
Mira Road	49
Bhayander	63
East-II	
Charai	140
Wagle Estate	12
Mumbra	12
Mulund	243

[English]

BBC Network with Home TV

3090. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether BBC has decided to rework with Home TV;

(b) whether Doordarshan has been asked to re-examine the possibilities of Delhi Doordarshan paying for the customising educational software from BBC Learning, U.K.;

(c) whether British Public Service Broadcaster is also in the process of drafting an application for a 100 per cent subsidiary in India;

(d) if so, whether the Doordarshan have revived the MOU for educational software with BBC;

(e) if so, the decisions taken thereon; and

(f) whether Doordarshan is paying BBC about Rs 30 thousand per half an hour?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M IBRAHIM) : (a) Reports have been received in this Ministry that proposal of a tie-up between BBC and Home TV for production of news programmes is being worked out.

(b) No, sir.

(c) The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has no such information.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Doordarshan acquired programmes in the past from BBC for the DD-3 channel on royalty basis at an average cost of US $ 1250/- per half-an-hour.

Superfast Train

3091. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that trains whose average speed on the entire run is more than 55 kilometer per hour on Broad Gauge and 45 Kilometer per hour on Meter Gauge are declared as Superfast Trains for the purpose of levy of supplementary charges;

(b) if so, the average speed on the entire run fixed for declaring the train as Mail, Express and Passenger separately;

(c) whether the said policy of Railways is implemented by all Zonal Railways; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.